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November 19, 1956

Honorable Raymond Blattenberger  
 The Public Printer  
 Government Printing Office  
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Blattenberger:

In accordance with my letter to you dated July 4, 1956, and your reply thereto dated July 9, 1956, representatives of the Government Printing Office and the Central Intelligence Agency have thoroughly discussed the proposed transfer to the Central Intelligence Agency of the Government Printing Office printing plant located in this Agency's Administration Building. General agreement has been reached and the following is therefore proposed for your concurrence and the approval of the Joint Committee on Printing:

a. Effective January 1, 1957, the Government Printing Office printing plant located at 2430 E Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., shall be transferred to and operated by the Central Intelligence Agency under the authority of Section 10 (a)(1) of Public Law 110, 81st Congress.

b. All printing equipment now in the plant which the Government Printing Office obtained from the predecessor operators of the plant shall be transferred to the Central Intelligence Agency without reimbursement therefor. A list of such equipment has been jointly prepared and is attached hereto as Annex A.

c. All printing equipment now in the plant which was purchased by the Central Intelligence Agency subsequent to assumption of administrative control of the plant by the Government Printing Office shall be transferred to the Central Intelligence Agency without reimbursement therefor. A list of such equipment has been jointly prepared and is attached hereto as Annex B.

d. All other printing equipment now in the plant which has been procured by the Government Printing Office shall be transferred to the Central Intelligence Agency and the Central Intelligence Agency shall reimburse the Government Printing Office in the amount representing the cost to the Government Printing Office less depreciation to January 1, 1957. A list of such equipment showing the reimbursement price of each piece of equipment has been jointly prepared and is attached hereto as Annex C.

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e. All supplies, replacement parts, etc. (except those furnished by the Central Intelligence Agency), which the plant may have on hand or on order as of the effective date of the transfer shall be acquired by the Central Intelligence Agency at a price representing cost to the Government Printing Office.

f. The Central Intelligence Agency shall provide classified printing at cost to the Atomic Energy Commission, the State Department, and any other agency which heretofore has used the subject plant for classified printing to the extent that such service may have been previously furnished by the Government Printing Office. The Atomic Energy Commission and the State Department have been apprized of this proposed transfer and have interposed no objection thereto. The subject printing plant shall not perform any unclassified printing for the Central Intelligence Agency or for any other Government Agency, except upon waiver issued by the Government Printing Office, while operating in its present location. When the plant is merged with the Central Intelligence Agency's facilities in a single location no unclassified printing shall be performed by this printing plant except that type of printing which would normally be produced in a Government duplicating plant.

g. The Central Intelligence Agency shall offer to those Government Printing Office employees presently employed in the plant the opportunity of transferring to and becoming employees of the Central Intelligence Agency.

h. The Government Printing Office shall retain on its rolls as its employees those personnel electing not to transfer to the Central Intelligence Agency, except that personnel on the rolls of the plant when administrative control was assumed by the Government Printing Office on February 1, 1947, or recruited subsequent to that date for specific assignment to the plant, shall not be accorded the option of remaining on the rolls of the Government Printing Office. Prior to the effective date of this transfer the Government Printing Office and the Central Intelligence Agency shall jointly prepare a list of personnel desiring to transfer to the Central Intelligence Agency.

i. The Central Intelligence Agency shall be responsible for obtaining personnel to replace those Government Printing Office employees who may elect not to transfer to and become employees of the Central Intelligence Agency. However, the Government Printing Office will, on requisition by the Central Intelligence Agency, detail for a period not to exceed six months and at their prevailing salary, such personnel as may be required until replacement personnel can be recruited, cleared, and entered on duty.

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j. Upon the effective date of this transfer the Central Intelligence Agency shall have exclusive operating control of the printing plant.

k. The Central Intelligence Agency shall be responsible for obtaining agreement with the Atomic Energy Commission regarding clearance of Central Intelligence Agency personnel assigned to do the Atomic Energy Commission's classified printing referred to in paragraph f. above.

The Central Intelligence Agency is anxious to assure the transfer of this printing function with the least possible inconvenience to all concerned. To this end, I assure you that we will cooperate with the customer agencies and the Government Printing Office to the fullest extent. This facility will therefore be available to the Government Printing Office for printing highly classified work for which your main plant may not be equipped. Further, this Agency intends to continue to rely on the Government Printing Office for its unclassified printing and for paper and supplies used in our printing facilities.

Sincerely,

/s/

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

Attachments:  
Annexes A, B, and C